

LANDS IN WEST Irrigation Service Report to Be Issued.

CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

Surveys in Idaho and Plans Mapped Out to Preserve Forests on the Headwaters.

Actual construction has begun in Arizona and Nevada on two projects which will reclaim several hundred thousand acres of fertile land and transform it into agricultural communities. Detailed surveys have been made and are in progress of numerous other projects and several of these will be taken up in the course of the coming year.

The second annual report of the Irrigation Reclamation Service, under the charge of Frederick H. Newell, which will soon be issued, will give a description of the work undertaken by the Government in the Western States and territories under the national irrigation law. The general idea is, as expressed in the report, that the irrigation law is a safe and carefully framed act, and can be worked out to advantage. No change or amendment of the law is recommended to Congress. It is after an actual trial upon two or three projects, some weak point develops, then the Government will be in a position intelligently to advise Congress what change is needed.

Forests at Headwaters.

The report calls attention to the necessity for the protection of the headwaters of streams. It says: "One of the important matters in connection with the permanent development of the water resources of the country is the protection of the catchment basins. The headwaters of many streams are already included within the forest reserves, and some of the reservoir sites are thus guarded from injury. The forest reserve boundaries should be extended to include the principal part of the rainfall. This land usually has no value for cultivation, is rugged and suitable only for the production of timber."

Belief is gaining ground in Washington that not only the forest reserves be extended, but that the entire remaining public forest lands should be permanently reserved, and that any timber cut therefrom should be under Government supervision, thus absolutely insuring the water supply, both for irrigation and power as well as for municipal or any other need. Scores of denuded and bare mountain ranges in Western States, once thickly covered with spruce and fir, attest to the baneful operation of our present timber laws.

Big Tonto Dam.

The official figures of the Geological Survey show an interesting comparison of the dimensions of the big Tonto dam of the Salt River Valley, Arizona, with other great artificial "reservoir" structures in the country. The Tonto dam is to rise 260 feet above the channel of the stream. Its thickness at the base will be 88 feet, gradually tapering to a width of 12 feet at the crest; the width of the dam across the river is 300 feet. The Croton dam, which is to supply New York with water, is 120 feet across the river channel and 280 feet across. It was necessary in this case to dig down 80 feet to insure a foundation.

The Wachusett dam near Boston is 125 feet above the river channel, 155 feet thick at the base, and 360 feet wide.

Work in Idaho.

The Government has made a reconnaissance of the irrigation possibilities of Idaho, under the national law, and has selected three localities for more complete study.

One of the three projects selected for special study is the large extent of the Snake River valley, near the north side of the Snake River south of the Oregon Short Line Railroad. A special study of this project is necessary, but the lands when reclaimed will be of high value, and the benefit to the State will be far-reaching.

GUFFEY AS CHAIRMAN IF GORMAN IS CANDIDATE

Pittsburg Millionaire May Preside at Democratic National Convention.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 26.—The chairmanship of the Democratic National Convention, which meets in St. Louis next July, will probably be given to Col. James M. Guffey, the multi-millionaire oil man of Pittsburg. Leading Democrats of this city, who are now working on a national political campaign, are running strongly in favor of Colonel Guffey for national chairman.

Colonel Guffey enjoys the dual distinction of not only being favorably regarded by the leaders who stuck with Bryan during his two disastrous campaigns, but is also highly regarded by the men who have come back into the party councils in the East.

His friends say that his acceptance of the national chairmanship depends upon whether Senator Arthur P. Gorman is the Democratic candidate for the Presidency. Colonel Guffey refused to discuss the matter.

ASBESTOS FACTORY BURNED.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 26.—The intense cold that prevails here could not keep the asbestos factory of the Sull Mountain Company from burning last night, and it was a hot blaze despite the fact that asbestos is supposed to be fireproof. Several firemen were badly hurt by falling from icy ladders.

Emperor Franz Josef To Visit Edward VII

Warm Welcome Assured in England for the Venerable Doyen of European Monarchs. King May Postpone Usual Cruise.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Several months before King Edward goes to call upon the Kaiser—probably, indeed, in the spring, just before or just after his Irish visit—King Edward will receive the venerable Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria upon these shores.

For this the King will probably not off his usual cruise in the Mediterranean, and will do the aged Emperor, upon whose life the solidarity of Europe so largely depends, all those honors which are so eminently due to the doyen of European monarchs. In spite of his hardihood and amazing faculty for work and even for sport—did he not spend his last holiday deer shooting?—the Austrian Emperor can, at his age,

hardly be expected to "gallivant" about like the young King of Italy or his majesty of Portugal. Everything, accordingly, will be done to spare him fatigue, but it is probable that at least a luncheon at the Guildhall and a military review will be included in the celebrations.

It is hardly necessary to add that not only a warm but an intensely respectful welcome is assured on the part of the English public to the old Emperor. The loneliness of European sovereigns, and weighed down as he is with private sorrows, the Emperor Francis Joseph still fulfills his enormous and infinitely troublesome responsibilities with tireless patience and industry that positively compel admiration.

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GOOD LUCK BRINGS PECK OF TROUBLES

Man Who Won Valuable Lottery Prize Besieged in Hotel by Army of Beggars.

LISBON, Jan. 26.—The winner of the first prize in the Christmas lottery here, which amounted to \$165,000, is Senhor Carlos de Carvalho, who has been in Africa for twenty-three years, and returned only on the morning when it was announced that he had won the prize.

He immediately found himself the famous man in Lisbon, and since he set foot on his native soil he has been deluged with petitions, followed by crowds in the streets, assaulted by beggars and hooligans demanding money, and besieged in his hotel by 300 beggars. This last experience was the worst of all for the crowd of mendicants fell upon him on the landing, nearly tore his clothes from his back, and obliged the frantic hotelkeeper to summon the police.

Senhor Carvalho had already distributed over \$2500 to the poor. He has now taken refuge in the provinces, where he will hide himself until his luck is forgotten. When he left his hotel he carried a small bag containing only a few shillings.

NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

Important Conference.

General Passenger Agents Hardwick, of the Southern, and Fuller, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, will go to St. Louis today to attend a meeting which is to be held on January 28, of all the passenger agents of railroads which are to participate in the passenger business of the exposition. It is expected that every railroad of any importance in the country will have its passenger agent present, and the meeting is expected to increase the traffic if they can do so by lowering rates. It is expected the meeting at St. Louis will be in session for several days.

Denial by Engineer.

Chief Engineer Brown, who was in Washington yesterday making an inspection of the work done on the Union Station site, denied that the Pennsylvania Railroad intended to begin new improvements in 1904 which would cost \$500,000. He said that last year \$750,000 worth of improvements had been authorized, but that in a number of cases this had not even been commenced. Fully one-half of these improvements, he said, would not be in hand before the end of this year. It was these improvements, he said, that the rumor mongers had in mind when they spoke of the \$500,000. Chief Engineer Brown said the company would not undertake it could possibly do to complete the work now in hand for 1904 without undertaking any more.

Seeking Settlers.

The Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, the Louisville and Nashville, and the Frisco system have announced, through the Memphis Passenger Bureau, homesteaders' and settlers' rates from Memphis to all points on their lines in the Southeast. The rates are a duplicate of those named by the Western Union Railroad, and they are intended to act as a check to the steady outflow of people from the Southern States and Southwest. The tickets will be placed on sale on the 1st and 15th of each month until April 1.

Rock Island Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Rock Island Railroad was held yesterday in Jersey City. All the directors were elected, and the extension plans of the officers were approved. The meeting was without incident. The matter of extending the lines of the company into the Southeastern States was not discussed.

Pass Agreement Broken.

Advices from Chicago say that the last vestige of the Eastern pass agreement was wiped out yesterday, when passes arrived for local officers from the New York Central and the Pennsylvania Railroad. To make it more certain that the last link had been broken, some of the Lake Shore passes are good on the twentieth century line, and a concession heretofore unthought of.

Free transportation is now on practically the same basis as it was three years ago. The other roads have found it impossible to withstand the force of the Eastern lines, and today he began a trip over the new Chicago and

Inspecting Lines.

President Lores, of the Rock Island, has begun his inspection of the lines of the Rock Island system. Yesterday, accompanied by a number of subordinate officers, he made a trip over the Rock Island line, and today he began a trip over the new Chicago and

FELIX DE NEMESYI DEAD.

Report was received here today of the death in Charleston, W. Va., of Col. Felix de Nemesyi, a native of Hungary, whose wife was formerly a resident of Washington.

LEFT FORTUNE TO A STRANGER

Nun or Novice Made a Mysterious Will.

DIED IN FRENCH CONVENT

Chilean Woman Bequeathed Millions, Invested in Mines, to Paris Stockbroker.

PARIS, Jan. 26.—The Chilean consul general in Paris is investigating an extraordinary and mysterious will case, in which the Convent of the Assumption at Passy and a well-known and wealthy stockbroker are concerned.

Three months ago a young Chilean woman named Mlle. Maria de la Luz Consino, who was a member of the well-known Consino family, and extremely wealthy, died in the convent in question.

Consul Investigates.

On October 17, the Chilean consul general received a telegram from her relatives in Chile, stating that they had received intelligence of her death, and asking that he make the necessary inquiries and attend to the funeral arrangements.

He at once visited the convent and found that the funeral had already taken place. He asked the superior of the convent if Mlle. Consino had left any papers, and was informed that she had destroyed them all before her death.

To Utter Stranger.

Further inquiries revealed the extraordinary fact that she had left her whole fortune to a man who was a stranger to her. The name of the man was M. Eugene Rolando Gosselin, an official stockbroker on the Paris bourse. The will had been drawn up by M. Megret, a Paris notary, and in it Mlle. Consino describes herself as a woman of independent means, residing at the Villa Potoka, Nice.

In the certificate of death, however, the consul general found that the deceased had been declared insane, and that she had been confined in a lunatic asylum. The address of the convent was given as the address of the deceased.

Must Clear Point.

It is this point which has to be cleared up, for the Chilean law provides that upon any person taking religious vows her or his property is to be divided among the next of kin.

The whole of the property in question is invested in the great Loti mines in Chile. Mlle. de la Luz Consino was a daughter of Mlle. Isidore Consino, who died in Paris a few years ago, leaving her immense fortune to be divided among her six children, the amount left to each being \$12,000,000.

NEWS FROM ROCKVILLE.

(Special to The Washington Times.)

ROCKVILLE, Md., Jan. 26.—Announcement has been made here of the marriage of Evelyn Talbot, youngest daughter of ex-State Attorney Henry Talbot, of this place, and Hugh Glasgow, a young son of Mrs. Josephine Glasgow, also of Rockville, in Baltimore, Md., on January 16, last. This announcement is surprising to the relatives and friends of the couple.

It is also the endeavor of the publisher to present some beautiful picture, on the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, each month as a frontispiece, with a descriptive poem of some well known author.

The articles on the World's Fair at St. Louis are the last of a series of articles published. The February number especially, will be devoted to the beautiful exposition of the architectural standpoint.

Grading Begun.

Grading begun on the line of the Old Dominion Aqueduct Bridge yesterday. Contractor Oliver put the first of his men to work. There will be no cessation of the work until the line reaches Great Falls.

BLESS YOU, CHILDREN, AND NEILSONS HAPPY

Young Bride's Father Sends His For- giveness and Her Clothes.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Jules Blanc Neilson have been forgiven. Frank T. Wall, father of the bride, has dispatched his blessing and a trunk of clothes for Mrs. Neilson to the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia. The Neilsons have been waiting for both at the hotel since Saturday night, when the bride fled from her father's home with the young man who had seduced her.

Mr. Wall opposed the match, and the young people, taking advantage of his absence for an hour, fled with only a handbag.

"It is all over now, everything is settled, and I hope they will be very happy," said Mr. Wall, who was very unfortunate, for some reasons.

Mr. Wall would not discuss the report that he himself was about to be married. The story was that he was to make a Miss Uncles, of Pittsfield, his bride on Wednesday night. He is fifty years of age and Miss Uncles is twenty-eight.

HUGGING A CORPSE FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR

Young Woman Had Arm Around Escort in the Sleigh.

ANOKA, Minn., Jan. 26.—Among the members of a sleighing party here Sunday night was Lewis Flicker, a young farmer, and by his side, with her arm around him, sat a young woman he had brought.

Amid the joking and singing the woman scarcely noticed that her companion was unusually silent. She thought he was hanging his head in his breast to avoid the cold. Even when she remarked, "How cold your hands are," and received no reply, she thought little of the fact that he did not answer. In this way the "bodied" sped for miles to the accompaniment of tooting horns, yells and singing.

At last Flicker's continued silence attracted general attention. An investigation followed, and a young doctor in the party declared that Flicker had been dead for an hour.

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Minister Minhui Cho Puzzle to Diplomats

Korean Minister Has Lived Life of Hermit in Washington, and No One Has Been Able to Understand His Silence.

DOCTORS TO RECEIVE \$5 FOR WITNESS FEES

Bill Proposed by Medico-Legal Society to Allow This Amount to Physicians Testifying in Insane Cases.

All physicians in the District will hereafter receive a per diem witness fee of \$5 when testifying in insane cases. The amendment to Senate bill 2380, which was proposed by the Medico-Legal Society last evening, is adopted by Congress.

The regular meeting of the society was held last night with its president, Dr. Robert Keyburn, in the chair. The committee on the regulation of poison was instructed to communicate with the District Commissioners and obtain a public hearing concerning the two poison bills which have been introduced into Congress at the request of the society, but which have been pigeonholed in the office of the Commissioners.

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FOREIGN MAILS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., POSTOFFICE NOTICE.—Should be read daily, as changes may occur at any time.

FOREIGN MAILS are dispatched to the ports of sailing daily, and the schedules of sailings are arranged on the presumption of their uninterrupted overland transit. For the week ending January 26, 1904, the latest news will be made from the MAIN OFFICE as follows:

Trans-Atlantic Mails.

TUESDAY.—(a) At 11:45 p.m. for EUROPE, per s.s. Cedric, from New York, via Queenstown. Mail for FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, EGYPT, GREECE, and BRITISH INDIA, per s.s. Cedric. (b) At 11:45 p.m. for ITALY direct, per s.s. Cedric.

WEDNESDAY.—(a) At 10:30 p.m. for FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, TURKEY, EGYPT, GREECE, and BRITISH INDIA, per s.s. La Touraine, from New York, via Havre. (b) At 11:45 p.m. for ITALY direct, per s.s. Cedric.

THURSDAY.—(a) At 11:45 p.m. for ALGERIA, per s.s. Canonic, from New York, via Genoa. (b) At 11:45 p.m. for EUROPE, per s.s. Philadelpia, from New York, via Plymouth and Cherbourg. Mail for IRELAND must be directed to "Per s.s. Philadelpia, being on Wednesday."

(c) At 11:45 p.m. for BELGIUM direct, per s.s. Zealand, from New York. Mail must be directed "Per s.s. Zealand." (d) At 11:45 p.m. for SCOTLAND direct, per s.s. Edinburgh, from New York. Mail must be directed "Per s.s. Edinburgh."

(e) At 11:45 p.m. for EUROPE, per s.s. Saxonia, from New York, via Queenstown. (f) At 11:45 p.m. for SOUTH and CENTRAL AMERICA, West Indies, Etc.

WEDNESDAY.—(a) At 11:45 p.m. for ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, and PARAGUAY, per s.s. Vidal, from New York, via Santos. (b) At 11:45 p.m. for MEXICO, per s.s. Vigilante, from New York, via Progreso, Campeche, and Vera Cruz. Mail must be directed "Per s.s. Vigilante."

(c) At 11:45 p.m. for BERMUDA, per s.s. Pretoria, from New York. (d) At 11:45 p.m. for MEXICO, per s.s. Seneca, from New York, via Tampico. Mail must be directed "Per s.s. Seneca."

(e) At 11:45 p.m. for BRAZIL, per s.s. Nord, from New York, via Santos. (f) At 11:45 p.m. for FLORIANOPOLIS, per s.s. Nord, from New York, via Santos. Mail must be directed "Per s.s. Nord."

THURSDAY.—(a) At 6:05 p.m. for BARBADOS and BRAZIL, per s.s. Capri, from New York, via Rio Janeiro and Santos. Mail for NORTHERN BRITAIN, ARGENTINE, URUGUAY, and PARAGUAY must be directed "Per s.s. Capri, being on Wednesday."

(b) At 11:45 p.m. for PORTO RICO, per s.s. Seneca, from New York, via P.R. (c) At 11:45 p.m. for FORTUNE ISLAND, JAMAICA, SANTIAGO, and CAYMAN, per s.s. Valerius, from New York, via P.R. and Costa Rica must be directed "Per s.s. Valerius."

(d) At 11:45 p.m. for ST. THOMAS, ST. CROIX, LEEWARD ISLANDS, and V.I., per s.s. Briton, from New York, via P.R. (e) At 11:45 p.m. for GRENADA, per s.s. Briton, from New York, via P.R. (f) At 11:45 p.m. for BARBADOS and NORTH BRITAIN, per s.s. Capri, from New York, via Rio Janeiro and Santos.

FRIDAY.—(a) At 6:05 p.m. for NEWFOUNDLAND, per s.s. Carthage, from Philadelphia. (b) At 11:45 p.m. for CURACAO and VENEZUELA, per s.s. Maracaibo, from New York. Mail for SAVANNAH and COLUMBIA must be directed "Per s.s. Maracaibo."

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UNCLE SAM'S DIET SQUAD
SHRINKS BY DESERTION

Three Soldiers Disgusted With Maple Sugar and Cereals at Yale.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 26.—Dr. Russell H. Chittenden, of Yale, is having trouble with the diet squad sent here from the United States Army to test his theory that the great American public spends too much money for food and eats too much anyway.

Three of Uncle Sam's bluecoats who have been living on maple sugar and cereals in carefully measured quantities and going through severe physical culture stunts at the Yale gymnasium have deserted. Sam Johnson, a negro, a negro, and he and one of the soldiers got into a rumper.

It is rumored that the private was caught helping himself to extra rations from Sam's pantry. At any rate, the soldier was sentenced to bread and water for a week, solitary confinement in one of the rooms of squad headquarters. Now he and two others of the squad have deserted. Prof. Chittenden is said to be in despair, for there are only thirteen left in the squad.

Rumor had it last night that they had demanded more rations. Several of the squad were detected in a local cafe partaking of ale and free lunch to piece out the diet.

MARRIED 22 YEARS AND NEVER SAW WIFE

Chew Ting's Father Bought Her for \$5 in China.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Chew Ting, a well-to-do Chinaman, who came to Chicago twenty years ago, was arrested last week, charged with having smuggled his way here through Canada. He was ordered deported, but was told he could secure a deportation by marrying an American girl.

Before leaving the city in custody of the marshal, Chew Ting declared that he was married twenty-two years ago, but had never seen his wife. She was bought for him by his father, and he was saving her for Chew Ting, as by doing so she could surprise him. The wife he is now to meet in China cost him \$5, and Ting thinks the money well invested.

VISITING HER MOTHER.

Mrs. J. V. Davis has as her guest her daughter, Mrs. Winchell, wife of Lieutenant Commander W. P. Winchell, U. S. N.

PREVENTED PNEUMONIA

E. M. Clifford, of Buffalo, Tells of His Cure by Father John's Medicine

Mr. Edward Clifford, of 124 Sandusky Street, Buffalo, N. Y., writes: For the benefit of others I most cheerfully recommend Father John's Medicine as a body builder and sure cure to any person troubled with colds or cough.